



UTAH NATIONAL PARKS COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

CAMPING AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING Orem Service Center, Zion Conference Room 24 FEB 2010, 7:00 pm

AGENDA

Call in# 800-261-0546 participant code 1524571 (for moderator only *5628)

7:00	Welcome & introductions Myrle Astrope Kathy Worthen Sheldon Hetzel Wayne McBride Stan ROberts	Present: Rene Luthi Dave Cook Tom Otterstrom Eric Maynes Wes Stephenson	By Phone: Paul Crookston Dwight Inouye	Myrle Astrope Staff: Darryl Alder Dave Merrill Robert Gowans
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- 1- Invocation: Eric Maynes
 Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath & Law Tom Otterstrom
 Roll Call and introductions Myrle Astropoe
- 2- Review of minutes for approval
 Sheldon had a question about the Tifie pre/post inspection
 Motion for approval Sheldon
 Second by Rene
 Unanimously approved
- 3- New Business
 - A- Introductions of new members Mark Dennis, Steve Frisby and Dwight Inouye were made by Myrle
 - B- Myrle checked on the status of business plans for each camp which are due in a presentation format to the Executive Board March 6. These need to include each camps Operating and Capital Budgets for the next five years. The following were in hand or presented in the meeting
 - JJ
 - Quail Creek
 - High Uintah
 - Thunder Ridge Draft
 The presentation on 6 March Board meeting starts at 10 am. Dave Cook, Jeff Cooper and Myrle will include 15 min Q&A after a couple of minutes on each camp.
 - C- Dave Cook reported asking the Executive Committee for 5% per year increase in maintenance over the next four years. Dave reminded the group that capital development must be orderly and emerge from a prioritized list of all camp projects. No projects can be considered without a cost benefit analysis and they must be compared to overall camp needs. He reminded us



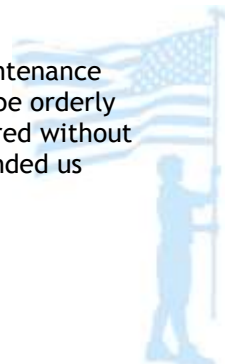
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that each improvement must bring another boy to camp; for example a dollar invested or donated must get us a dollar of income. Sheldon reminded us that even though the maintenance will be increased 33% by 2014, we will need to double this again in the future. He also stated that as we proceed, trust with donors should grow. Dave Cook said that the good experiences we have at camp will also build trust. Eric pointed out that the business plans will make it possible to allocate our scarce resources since our needs compete with each other.

- D- Fully maintaining our camps for the sake of better experiences for our Scouts is not possible unless the camps are filled. Myrle reminded us that we must get the camps to capacity to make this work. The Council Camping committee under Jeff Cooper's leadership, has accepted a 5% growth challenge for each year. Bob Gowans reported a feeling that the promotion is ahead of last year with camps at 59% by the end of February.
- E- Service Centers
 - 1- Wes Stephenson, the Cedar Breaks District Commissioner, reviewed a four page proposal provided to each committee member. He explained the current store situation in the basement of a bank, it is adequate but not easy to find. He talked about Dr. Haight's collection of resources for check out and how this helps units with program planning, but that it needs to be in a more accessible location. With this proposal they hope for a resource center for units to use and check out materials along with the current store, but in a new location. The proposed location is across from the school where Roundtable is held. There is no room at the current store for this material. The new location is double our current payment at the bank and will be \$500/month. The collection will not be donated, but made available for check out. Wes suggested we will need \$1500 to replace materials as they wear out. Already they have accepted donations for other resources.
 - 2- The idea is to close the current store and move into this planning resource center, which would yield \$250 toward the base cost. Myrle asked what it would cost to upgrade the vacant area for the Scout store; he wants a firm bid. He asked about excess EXPO funds covering the cost. The district plans to ask local stakes for operational difference, which is a FOS conflict. They hope this will make the monthly rate \$800, but the space would have to be finished. Wes thinks they can get \$7500 to make the improvements needed to open. Dr. Haight has not charged for rental in the past; if we break something we will need to replace it. Wayne is worried that \$1500 may not be enough to really replace equipment. Eric is concerned that the increased costs and inadequate revenue adds to our total liabilities. Dave Cook suggested a larger store might improve profits—he is interested in the larger store space, not so much the rentals but for improved sales. He thinks there should be a rental fee for any item, so they can be replaced. Wayne explained how our tent rentals provide replacement monies for Timberline and Wood Badge tents with a weekly rental of \$20 per user. Eric asked that this proposal to go back to the district for firmer opening costs. Dave Cook asked for a business plan. Myrle will send Wes a template. Eric wants us to visit with Dr. Haight about the concerns listed tonight and also wants us to know the exit cost to us if this does not work. Wes told Boulder Dam Area Council services. Darryl reported a



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planned field trip to that council in the next week. The business plan should be reported back to us next month.

3- Orem Service Center

- a. In continued business the group considered the suggestion that we the Canyonlands room be remodeled for use by the Ginger Bread House Festival. This could bring many more people into the Orem Service Center, making it more of a community gathering place
- b. Darryl gave a storage rental report, where staff found two storage units in the Orem are used by Council, all of which are donated, but valued at \$225 per month. Staff offered a draft warehouse remodel plan that would move all items out of Maple Dell storage and out of the store rooms in the Canyonlands meeting room (in Orem Service Center). Wayne McBride asked about who would manage the equipment, reminding the group this is a full time job. Steve Frisby stated the current Maple Dell storage unit is 2400sq feet and is shared by Timberline, Wood Badge and Jamboree. Wayne pointed out that we can go up higher in the Orem warehouse, but not expand outward, but he thinks there is enough room. Ranger Dave told us that there are 3600 sq ft in the suggested remodeled space. Dave Cook asked about when the project would be done—Darryl stated when funding could be found, but it needs to happen before the summer camping season ties us the Rangers who will do the demolition and remodeling. Steve Frisby is concerned that we have not considered the cost of the pallet shelving.

Dave Cook moved we accept the offer from the Ginger Bread House Festival pending a space study in the warehouse and give them permission to move forward if the study looks feasible to staff

Wayne McBride seconded the motions

It was unanimously approved

- F- Eric Maynes asked for budget revision for JJ's summer 2010 operations. Originally the camp was budgeted for a \$12,000 van to replace an older one. This has been part of a three year rotation of the vans used to transport staff to the camp. He would like that money moved in to program leaving the overall budget the same. This will be either motor cross for Webelos or a low climbing wall, either way the cost benefit is to get 10% more Webelos in camp, which would pay for itself. Darryl pointed out this would move capital money into program and might need to be advanced to the executive committee for approval.

Eric moved for an amended budget

Tom Otterstrom seconded the motion

It was unanimously approved

- G- Steve Frisby reported that the Maple Dell Latrine and Shower House Permit though approved by the county is technically pending electrical and plumbing schematic drawings. The architectural plan only has 5 showers. Steve redrew this to put in 8 toilets and showers. He feels we can only afford one of the two buildings because of the high cost of plumbing. This will leave us 6 showers short to meet standards. If we go to bidding, Steve wants asked the Key 3 to do let the bids so that he can bid on the project. However before we do he wants staff to reexamine the need for a pool and put the showerhouse/laundry with that facility.



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- H- Bob Gowans wants us to task the Council commissioner to recruit commissioners for camp. We could target retired scouters who will come to camp for a week or two, bring their own RV and serve as “real” Commissioners. These commissioners would actually visit units. In our Council’s this is part of the Campmasters program and it would save us 20 positions from our current payroll; probably a savings to our camps of \$36,000 per year, which could lower camp fees by \$5 per camper. Similarly the LDS church uses volunteer YCLs at their Young Women’s camps; could we ask for help from our junior leaders. Dave suggested a news release to asking for help, but we need rv pads and hook ups. It was reported that Maple Dell has five and Mt. Dell has water and pads, but not complete hookups. Sheldon pointed out that at Heber Valley Camp they charge \$250 for hook ups for their 200+ volunteers.
- 4- **Camp Reports** –Applications to operate camps we signed by camp chairs who were present. Bob Gowans will get the others later
- a. Dwight Inouye new chair for Tifie at Mt. Dell Scout Ranch, asked for patience on their business plan as he cannot meet the March 6th deadline. He needs another million dollars to get thing finished and running correctly at he camp. He gave a pond progress report, stating that they have gotten a lot of engineers and water irrigation companies working on water rights and permits. The camp will be limited to 20 acre feet. If built the lake will aid in fire prevention and may yield them a \$300K in grant. Myrle offered help with the business plan. A meeting with Ranger Dave and Jack Dillon the Camp Director was scheduled for 26 FEB 10, Darryl will join them.

The next meeting is scheduled for 24 MAR 10, 7pm at the Orem Service Center
There was a motion to adjourn

Being no further business this concludes the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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